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July 8 Painting Workshop with Jen Ferguson at Catskill Center

Arkville, NY – On July 8th, join us at the Catskill Center in Arkville, NY for a painting workshop: "Botanicals; Sketching from Nature with artist Jen Ferguson." The workshop will begin with a brief walk through the Erpf Gallery's current exhibition of works by the 2016 artists in residence at the Platte Clove Cabin and discussion of the different interpretations of nature and setting. Then we'll take a brief walk outside the Catskills Center and find some subjects to draw and paint in watercolor. Plants, trees, branches and flowers are all good options. There will also be some cut flowers and greenery provided. Weather permitting, we'll spend time sketching outside.

Jen will provide tips on drawing, composition and watercolor painting, along with some artist's secrets on how to draw trees and flowers. Everyone will have a piece of art to take home, and a new perspective on how to interpret the beauty all around us through their own personal art forms.

This program is recommended for all ages - 4 to adult and will run from 10:30 am to noon. All materials will be provided. A donation of \$15 to cover supplies is suggested. Preregistration is requested in order to provide enough supplies. Register by emailing kpalm@catskillcenter.org or call Katie at 845.586-2611.

Jen Ferguson is a Brooklyn based artist who participated in the Artist in Residence Program at Platte Clove Cabin in 2016. She specializes in paintings of landscape, place and architecture. She founded an art studio program for children in Brooklyn in 2006 and continues to teach and share her love of creative thinking and art with her students. You can find out more information about her and her work as well as her teaching philosophy at the links below:

www.jenferguson.com www.possumpaint.com

This program will take place Saturday, July 8 from 10:30 am - noon at the Catskill Center located at 43355 Route 28, Arkville, NY. All materials are provided with a \$15 suggested donation to cover costs. To register contact Katie at kpalm@catskillcenter.org or 845.586.2611. For more information visit catskillcenter.org/events or call 845.586.2611.

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ABOUT THE CATSKILL CENTER FOR CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Our Mission: To protect and foster the environmental, cultural and economic well-being of the Catskill region. Guided by the foundational understanding that conservation creates opportunity, we are the major force advocating for the Catskill region. Since 1969, we have led the effort to protect the Catskill Park and Catskill Forest Preserve, while advancing local and regional economic development initiatives. Our interdisciplinary approach to protecting our ecosystems and creating vibrant communities encompasses four program areas – Arts & Culture, Education, Natural Resources, and Regional Planning.

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